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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL AID FROM GULF STATES

- 1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED US THAT A HIGH-LEVEL SAUDI ECONOMIC DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO VISIT KABUL IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS AN EXPANSION OF SAUDI DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN. PROJECTS EXPECTED TO BE AIRED INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOWER HELMAND BASIN IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT LOGAR. THE MINISTRY ALSO INDICATED THAT A PRELIMINARY LOOK MIGHT BE TAKEN AT POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPLOITATION OF THE HUGE IRON ORE DEPOSIT AT HAJIGAK, SOME SIXTY MILES NORTHWEST OF KABUL.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN SAUDI AID, THE MINISTRY SAID THAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY THE KUWAIT DEVELOPMENT FUND, ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFICS WERE GIVEN.
- 3. COMMENT: THE AFGHANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SAUDIS MOVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTO THE POSITION OF A MAJOR DONOR OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE, AND THE SUBJECT OF INCREASED ASSISTANCE WAS, UNDOUBTEDLY, HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD DURING HIS RECENT SWING THROUGH THE GULF STATES. AFGHAN EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD APPEAR TO BE PAYING OFF.

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